**EXTON AND HORN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 4th December 2024 7pm**

**Exton Village Hall**

**MINUTES**

**Present**: Councillors Kiloran Heckels (Chairman), Terry Connolly, David Healey, Peter McNally, Paul Taylor, Parish Clerk. PC Jake Spruce.

1. **Approval of absences:** The absences of Cllr. Tunstall and Cllr. McNally were approved.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** none.
3. **Public time:** PC Spruce spoke about his role as beat officer for Oakham North and Uppingham, covering 25 villages. He has attended T for Tuesday and held a beat surgery. Crime prevention advice is provided in PC Spruce’s monthly newsletter.
4. **To approve the minutes of the meeting 6th November 2024:** These were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the meeting 6th November 2024:**
* Defibrillator volunteers – handover of duties has been completed.
* Damaged bins – RCC are making enquiries to BIFFA to ascertain if repairs to damaged bins are possible.
1. **Clerk’s report and Correspondence:**
* Bank signatories – paperwork completed and Cllr. Healey will visit Lloyds again.
* RCC Chief Executive response to R2 bus service withdrawal letter – Mark Andrews confirmed alterations to the service in 2025, which will include a replacement demand responsive service. A bus users’ event will take place on 11th December at Rutland County Council offices from 11am to 12:30pm. A marketing campaign will launch in the new year to promote the changes.
* Parish Council vacancies – the casual vacancy created by Cllr. Newby’s resignation has been advertised and the Parish Council is now able to co-opt to fill this.
1. **County Councillor report:**

Cllr. Heckels reported the potential changes to waste collections: the introduction of weekly food waste collections from household bins and the reduction in frequency of collections of black bins to 3-weekly. Food waste collection is a statutory requirement. A decision will be made by RCC cabinet in Spring 2025.

The fluoridation of the water in Rutland is being considered by Rutland County Council.

Cllr. Taylor left the meeting at 7.45pm.

1. **War memorial:** Cllr. Heckels reported that T for Tuesday have enquiredregarding the possibility of installing a bench and ‘Tommy’ soldier in the war memorial garden. It was agreed that more information regarding positioning and the impact on the maintenance of the memorial garden was required to consider this further.
2. **Playpark:** Cllr. Heckels is pursuing a funding/donation application.
3. **Finance:**
	1. To approve payments:

CPRE £36.00

RCC street lighting £1116.18

Community Heartbeat Trust £120.

The payments were approved.

1. **AOB:**
* Date of next meeting – Wednesday 5th February 2025
* Items for newsletter – sharing of PC Spruce’s monthly newsletter with the Exton newsletter.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.